

Maidstone Borough Council

Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 1 April 2008

Grants to Outside Bodies

Report of: Senior Overview and Scrutiny Officer

1. Background

- 1.1 On 8 March 2008, Cabinet agreed to adopt a new grants scheme for external bodies. The Report for Decision and the Record of Decision are attached to this report for information.
- 1.2 The Chairman of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has requested that this item be brought to the Committee for consideration.

2. Grants to Outside Bodies

- 2.1 The deadline for applications for grants for outside bodies is 31 March 2008. Following this, Members will be provided with information on those bodies requesting grants and the level of grant that they are seeking.
- 2.2 Members will then have the opportunity to consider and comment upon these requests in light of the criteria set out in the new grants scheme.
- 2.3 The Assistant Director of Development and Community Services, Brian Morgan, will be in attendance to discuss this issue with Members.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are recommended to consider the requests from outside bodies for grants from the Council and refer their comments on these to the Grants Decision Panel, which will consider the full applications from each outside body.
- 3.2 The recommendations of the Grants Decision Panel will be made to Cabinet, which will make the final decision on which outside bodies receive grants from the Council.

4. Exempt Information

- 4.1 Please note that the reports provided in this agenda are background information and in the public domain. However, the item will be discussed in private at the meeting due to the possible disclosure of exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

